

# 2021 OAKCROSS PROPRIETARY RED

*Oakville, Napa Valley*

## VINTAGE

Harvest began on September 8th, it was smooth and evenly paced, without as many heat spikes as we've seen in recent Napa Valley vintages. Milder weather meant we could pick more gradually, and it gave the grapes plenty of time to ripen and develop deep color and flavor. Continuing drought meant the vines struggled to access water, and the result being smaller clusters and berries yielding wines with intense flavor.

## TASTING NOTES:

The 2021 Oakcross has an expressive bouquet of raspberry, boysenberry, blueberry cream pie, and crushed blackberry, interwoven with hints of clove, violets, pencil shavings, freshly grilled bread, and bittersweet chocolate. On the palate, a ripe plum entry gives way to tart cherry, mixed berries, and mocha, with underlying notes of graphite, cranberry, and a touch of paprika, complimented by delicate, plush tannins.

## THE WINE

**Pick Dates:** September 8th - September 23rd, 2021

**Blending:** 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot

**Aging:** 21 months in French Oak barrels, 70% new French Oak

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*"A rich, heady red, the 2021 offers up copious dark fruit intermingled with scents of graphite, menthol, licorice, chocolate and dried herbs."*

—Antonio Galloni

## ACCOLADES

95 pts, Antonio Galloni

93 pts, Wine Spectator

93 pts, James Suckling

